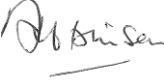


EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – PLYMOUTH HABITAT BANKING VEHICLE

SECTION ONE: INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

Author(s): This is the person completing the EIA template.	Chris Avent	Department and service:	Place. Environmental Planning	Date of assessment:	18/11/2022
Lead Officer: Please note that a Head of Service, Service Director, or Strategic Director must approve the EIA.	Philip Robinson	Signature:		Approval date:	30/11/2022
Overview:	<p>The Habitat Banking Vehicle report sets out the requirements, opportunity and options available to the Council in relation to Biodiversity Net Gain policy set out under the Environment Act 2021 due to come into force Autumn 2023.</p> <p>The Business Case sets out the opportunity to utilise the requirement for Biodiversity Net Gain provision to stimulate a sustainable revenue stream and business model, which the Council can establish through private investment and the developer market to enhance and maintain the city's green spaces for people and wildlife.</p> <p>The options analysis reviews this and the recommendation is that the establishment of a SPV at arm's length to PCC is the preferred approach to achieving the benefits available, at lowest risk to PCC and most viable operating model..</p>				
Decision required:	<p>The business case makes four recommendations, that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the principle of establishment of a suitable local vehicle to act as a Habitat Banking Vehicle as set out in the Business Case. 2. Delegates to the Strategic Director of Place the approval to work to scope pilot sites and associated background infrastructure required to trial a habitat banking approach as set out in the Business Case. 3. Approves recommendation that details of implementing the HBV including scope of services, final structuring, contracting and governance arrangements (including appointing directors) to be brought back for Cabinet decision as soon as practicable but within 12 months. 4. Approves the Business Case 				

SECTION TWO: EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING TOOL

Potential external impacts: Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact service users, communities or residents with protected characteristics?	Yes		No	X
Potential internal impacts: Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact Plymouth City Council employees?	Yes		No	X
Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (if you have answered yes to either of the questions above then a full impact assessment is required and you must complete section two)	Yes		No	X
If you do not agree that a full equality impact assessment is required, please set out your justification for why not.	There is no negative impact to service users, communities or residents with protected characteristics, nor any PCC employees, the project is open to all, and enhanced habitats and access to them will contribute to the health and wellbeing of residents and communities across Plymouth.			

SECTION THREE: FULL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Protected characteristics (Equality Act, 2010)	Evidence and information (e.g. data and consultation feedback)	Adverse impact	Mitigation activities	Timescale and responsible department
Age	Plymouth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16.4 per cent of people in Plymouth are children aged under 15. 65.1 per cent are adults aged 15 to 64. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18.5 percent are adults aged 65 and over. • 2.4 percent of the resident population are 85 and over. <p>South West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15.9 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14, 61.8 per cent are aged 15 to 64. • 22.3 per cent are aged 65 and over. <p>England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17.4 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14. • 64.2 per cent of people are aged 15 to 64. • 18.4 per cent of people are aged 65 and over. <p>(Data sourced from the 2021 Census)</p>			
Disability	10 per cent of our population have their day-to-day activities limited a lot by a long-term health problem or disability (2011 Census).			
Gender reassignment	<p>There are no official estimates for gender reassignment at either national or local level (awaiting 2021 Census data).</p> <p>However, in a study funded by the Home Office, the Gender Identity Research and Education Society (GIREs) estimate that between 300,000 and 500,000 people aged 16 or over in the UK are experiencing some degree of gender variance.</p>			

Marriage and civil partnership	<p>There were 234,795 marriages in England and Wales in 2018.</p> <p>In 2020, there were 7,566 opposite-sex civil partnerships formed in England and Wales, of which 7,208 were registered in England and 358 were registered in Wales.</p> <p>There were 785 civil partnerships formed between same-sex couples in England and Wales in 2020, of which 745 were registered in England and 40 were registered in Wales.</p>			
Pregnancy and maternity	<p>There were 640,370 live births in England and Wales in 2019, a decrease of 2.5 per cent since 2018. The mid-year 2019 population estimates show that there were 2,590 births in Plymouth.</p> <p>The total fertility rate (TFR) for England and Wales decreased from 1.70 children per woman in 2018 to 1.65 children per woman in 2019.</p>			
Race	<p>92.9 per cent of Plymouth's population identify themselves as White British. 7.1 per cent identify themselves as Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic.</p> <p>Census data suggests at least 43 main languages are spoken in the city, showing Polish, Chinese and Kurdish as the top three (2011 Census).</p>			
Religion or belief	<p>Christianity is the biggest faith in the city with more than 58 per cent of the population (148,917). 32.9 per cent (84,326) of the</p>			

	<p>Plymouth population stated they had no religion (2011 Census).</p> <p>Those who identified as Muslim were just under 1 per cent while Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish or Sikh combined totalled less than 1 per cent (2011 Census).</p>			
Sex	51 per cent of our population are women and 49 per cent are men (2021 Census).			
Sexual orientation	There is no precise local data on sexual orientation in Plymouth (awaiting 2021 Census data).			

SECTION FOUR: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Human Rights	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department

SECTION FIVE: OUR EQUALITY OBJECTIVES

Equality objectives	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
Celebrate diversity and ensure that Plymouth is a welcoming city.			
Pay equality for women, and staff with disabilities in our workforce.			
Supporting our workforce through the implementation of Our People Strategy 2020 – 2024			

Supporting victims of hate crime so they feel confident to report incidents, and working with, and through our partner organisations to achieve positive outcomes.			
Plymouth is a city where people from different backgrounds get along well.			

